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The Honorable Board of Commissioners Community Development Commission County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE VILLAGES AT CABRILLO IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH (DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTE)

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board approve the transfer of up to \$550,000 in County General Funds, specifically Homeless Service Center Funds (HSCF), allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to the Community Development Commission (Commission), which will then be granted to the Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC). The funds will be used for costs related to the renovation of an existing community building, referred to as the "Social Hall", on the CVC residential campus located in the City of Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to negotiate, execute, amend and, if necessary, terminate a Grant Agreement with the CVC, in a total amount of up to \$500,000 in HSCF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, for renovation of the CVC Social Hall, to be effective following receipt of the funds from the Chief Executive Office, approval of the Grant Agreement as to form by County Counsel, and execution by all parties.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute all required documents necessary to accept and incorporate into its approved Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget a total of up to \$550,000, including Commission's ten percent (10%) administrative fee, in HSCF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District.
- 3. Find that the approval of funds for renovation of the CVC Social Hall, located at 2001 River

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Avenue in the City of Long Beach, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this letter and the record of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Commission to enter into a Grant Agreement with the CVC for the use of up to \$500,000 in HSCF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District for costs related to the renovation of an existing community center, referred to as the "Social Hall", located on the CVC campus in the City of Long Beach. The CVC will continue to utilize the Social Hall as the center of campus activities and to provide important resident programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed actions described herein will be funded with a portion of County General Funds known as Homeless Service Center Funds. Approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2006 as part of the Homeless Prevention Initiative, these funds are used for programs and costs associated with services, operations, and capital projects for individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Each Supervisorial District has an annual allocation of \$1,425,000 to fund such programs.

The Fourth District has allocated \$550,000 to this effort: \$500,000 to be granted to the CVC and a \$50,000 (10%) administrative fee for the Commission. These funds will be incorporated into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget as needed and included in future years' budget processes accordingly.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CVC is the steward of a 27 acre residential campus known as The Villages at Cabrillo (The Villages), site of the former Savannah Cabrillo Naval Housing that once served the Long Beach Naval Shipyards. The Villages opened its doors in 2000 and provides housing to over 1,000 persons, including veteran and non-veteran individuals, families, youth and children who are housed within The Village's continuum of supportive housing, ranging from shelter, to transitional housing, to permanent housing.

The Social Hall serves its historically important role as center of campus activities for The Villages. It is used as a gathering place for programs, job fairs, community events, program graduations, and worship services. It houses a busy career center for hundreds of veterans who reside on campus, and it serves as a kitchen, dining hall and resident gathering space. After many years of consistent use by thousands of individuals, the Social Hall is in need of renovation to continue to serve as home to important resident programs and to sustain its role as a community hub for The Villages.

The Fourth District has directed the Commission to administer a portion of County General Funds to pay for costs related to the renovation.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The project, a renovation of an existing structure, has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's

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Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will enable the CVC to renovate the Social Hall and to continue to provide social services to underserved populations at The Villages.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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